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Special Edition

Continue To Be Part of SACWN in 2003

With this new year be sure to make these two resolutions: To send in your membership dues to SACWN in February and to participate in at least three SACWN activities this year. If you don't you won't know what's new!!!!

Just fill out the form on page 7 and send it off to continue receiving all of the information about our groups and any upcoming SACWN activities.

Because we want to remind everyone about our wonderful Valentine's Day Dance in February, we're keeping this issue short. We just want you to focus on going to our dance and having a wonderful time - bring a friend or maybe you'll find a new friend at the dance.



New Resource For Same-Sex Couples:

Partners Task Force for Gay and Lesbian Couples is a national resource for same-sex couples, supporting the diverse community of committed gay and lesbian partners through a variety of media. The constantly updated Web site contains more than 200 essays, surveys, legal articles, and resources on legal marriage, ceremonies, domestic partner benefits, relationship tips, parenting and immigration.

This group conducted the first major national study of same-sex couples in a decade. Among the fascinating, myth-busting results:

Fully 71 percent of the couples had experienced some form of discrimination as a couple. Parents and the church were the least supportive elements in their lives.

To find out more information about this group, go to their website: www.buddybuddy.com

Thank You, Grady's Copy Shop!

Grady's is donating all of the tickets for our Valentine's Dance.

We want to express our gratitude to Grady's for the tickets and for doing such a great job on all our newsletters.

Merci Beaucoup!

A support group is starting for lesbians dealing with cancer issues.

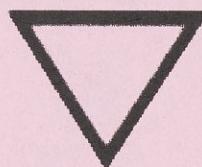
They will be meeting the third Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Fair Oaks United Methodist Church - 9849 Fair Oaks Blvd. There is no cost involved.

For more information call Roxanne: 916-920-7870 or roxanne1040@aol.com

SACWN - LOOKING FOR A GOOD WOMAN
Do you have those wonderful accounting skills that can help our organization keep track of expenses and income?

If so, SACWN needs you to be our new treasurer.

**If you're interested, please contact us at
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THE SACWN MISSION

SACWN's mission is to provide lesbians with social activities in a safe environment, a supportive network, and resources to link our diverse community.

SACWN NEWSLETTER POLICY

This newsletter is entirely dependent on volunteers.

In order to be included in the next newsletter, material must arrive in our mailbox or at my e-mail address by the tenth of the month (sharonju@sbcglobal.net). We encourage submissions (e.g. Letters to the Editor, news items, photos, etc.) Please type submissions and include your name and phone number for verification. Submissions by Email are especially encouraged.

FREE ADS: This section is for selling things of a personal nature, advertising for a roommate or finding a lost love. These ads are FREE to SACWN members who are advertising for personal use (no business advertising in this section).

BUSINESS ADS: Camera-ready ads are \$60 per business card size ads must be prepaid. Ads are based on 12-month/six issues per year. For more info, please contact Sharon at 916-483-8730.

CONFIDENTIALITY: SACWN takes the following precautions to insure the privacy of its members:

1. The mailing list is never sold or lent to anyone--even other women's groups or inquiring lesbians.
2. The newsletter is always sent first class, rather than at the cheaper bulk rate.
3. Each newsletter is addressed to a specific subscriber, not to a "resident" or "household".
4. Newsletters are not sent to individual men.

~~Women who want to participate in the operation of SACWN are encouraged to contact any of the committee coordinators listed to the left.

Invitation to SACWN General Meeting

We will be having a General Meeting followed by a Steering Committee meeting on the first Thursday in February (Feb. 6), the first Thursday in March (March 6) and the first Thursday in April (April 3). We meet at the Lambda Center located at 1927 L St. Our meetings start at 7 PM. Come and find out what's going on and give your ideas and input to help our organization become stronger and continue to be a reflection of our members' interests.

Your input is important to us. If you have suggestions but can't be at the meetings, send an Email to SACWN1@aol.com with your ideas.

SACWN's

VALENTINE DANCE

**February 8th, 2003
7:00 pm to Midnight**

**2003 Howe Avenue
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For additional information visit our web site, sacwn.com or call (916) 492-7983.**

Tickets are also available at The Open Book.

Name: _____

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Volunteers run all SACWN events and we are always looking for energetic women to help out. Call Kelli at 284-8519 to volunteer for this event.

Special Interest Groups (SIGS) Bulletin

SACWN's SIGs are small, friendly groups of women who get together monthly (or more often) to share activities of mutual interest. New members are always welcome, so we encourage you to call the contact person listed to find out what activities are being planned.

If you are interested in forming a Special Interest Group (SIG), please contact Kelli at: 916-631-7261 with your ideas. You could share a favorite hobby or interest with other women.

Rainbow Campers

Join SACWN's Rainbow Campers for a weekend of camaraderie! RV, tent and car campers are welcome. To attend a Rainbow Campers' event, call the RV park at the number provided to make your own reservations. Many parks fill up months in advance so make your reservations early! Then, contact the Wagon Master listed for the trip to let her know you are planning to attend so she can greet you, share information about the Saturday night potluck and let you know about any activities that may be planned for that weekend.

Rainbow campers won't be camping again until March. If you're interested in being part of the planning group to decide on our camping sites for 2003, call Joyce at (916) 987-1069.

Seasoned Singles (new!)

Seasoned Singles is for single women over the age of 50, who live in the greater Sacramento area. For more information, call Mary at 395-4147 or Email seasonedsingles@webtv.net or Judie: JAZ@softcom.net

January 26, Sunday. A Super Bowl Party. For further information contact Brence at 451-4757 or active60gal@yahoo.com.

February 8, Saturday. SACWN Valentine's Dance. Mary will reserve seating. For information call 916-395-4147.

February 13, Thursday. Cabaret Night with Rosie - 916-422-7143. Let's get together at Club 21 and share our hearts with Gayiel Von in song and music.

February 23, RSVP to Donna if you want to reserve a space to attend the **April 5** Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra Concert. For information call: 530-889-8652.

Women's Concerts: April 26, Barbara Higby and friends which includes Teresa Trull. Car pooling is available. Watch for updates of upcoming concerts. Call Mary, 395-4147 or seasonedsingles@webtv.net

Lambda Players Productions Attend "Boy Meets Boy" production. Call Jean - 539-1793 or Tarabud2@aol.com. Contact Jean if you're interested in auditioning for her production: Girl Meets Girl. A surprise birthday party sets in motion an unlikely romance when the birthday girl and the stripper find out they have more in common than the icing on the cake.

Movies at the Tower: Organizing times for Thursdays or Fridays in the mornings or afternoons. Call Sandy at 564-6499 or grocerybag@pdqnet.com

Poetry: Contact Rama at 428-7724 or Djerma@aol.com. Inquire about her web page.

Lavender Library: Gayle Lang, 492-0558 or Gaylelang2@aol.com.

Poker with De D. on the 2nd Friday of each month at 7 PM. 334-9185.

Impromptu Group provides a forum for impromptu activities. Structure will be an e-mail list which can be used by members to invite others to share in

activities that arise after the SS Schedule has been posted. Call Barbara - 916-422-0142 or windrowtsr@aol.com.

Gourmet Dinner Group brings together sweet, salty, spicy women loving to cook gourmet! Call re: February 15th meeting. Contact Barbara (see above)

Top 10

Top 10 is for women over fifty and for women who love women over fifty. Each month we get together for a meal at a local restaurant or at-home potlucks. To receive a schedule of any future Top 10 events, call Dee at 443-2377

Sunday, February 23rd at 2:00 Celebrate President's Day with pizza and salad at LaVonne & Georgia's. Bring your own drinks and a President Lincoln bill per person to cover cost of pizza. Call 967-3019 by Feb. 19th to **RSVP** and get directions.

Sunday, March 16th at 3:00. Once again celebrate St. Patrick's Day with co-hosts Paula, Sharon & PJ. They will provide corned beef and cabbage. Guests to bring side-dish to share and their own beverage. Call 967-0560 by March 12th to **RSVP** and get directions.

Newcomers

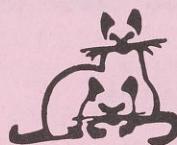
Are you new to SACWN, new to the area or just want to meet new people? Then the Newcomers Group is for you! Call Nancy at 452-6007.



SIGS +**(Special Interest Groups)****Fool House Poker Group**

Feeling lucky? Then join us for a friendly game of poker on the 2nd Friday of every month. Novice players welcome. I guarantee you'll have a good time. For game time and location, call Gretchen - 916-922-6287 or Mary - 916-723-5269.

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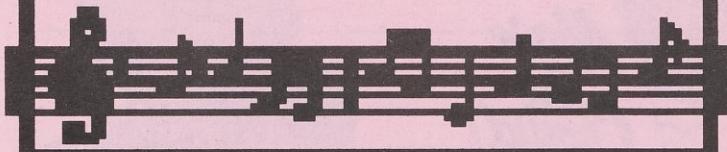
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Women's Music

Are you interested in women's music? Do you want to support women musicians who have been involved in the women's movement for many years while having a good time? We will be going to live performances of women's music in Northern California. All are welcome to join and enjoy the pleasures that listening to great music can bring. If you are interested in joining us or if you just want to know what performances are coming up, call Pat: 916-443-2981. Make sure you ask for Pat, please! You can also e-mail Pat at pwood314@yahoo.

Arts and Entertainment

From local activities such as the Second Saturday Art Walk to a show in the Bay Area, we enjoy a variety of entertainment. It's great fun and you can reconnect with old friends and/or meet a new friend. If you are interested in participating or in coordinating events, contact Sharon at (916) 483-8730. To have the latest updates sent to you by Email, just send your Email address to: sharonju@sbcglobal.net and indicate your desire to be on the A&E Email list.

**Women's Healing Circle (new!)**

This group is for those interested in their spiritual and/or healing path. Learn about different spiritual practices. Anyone interested, please contact Sharon at (916) 448-4324 or Email Sharon at: Sharon5248@aol.com.

Half-Fast Hiking Group

This is a well-organized, friendly group of serious hikers who know how to have fun. We are in our sixth successful year of day-hiking with hikes scheduled once per month all year long. We walk at a comfortable pace and usually average about five miles round trip on hikes that are rated "easy" to "moderate". All new-comers will receive a warm welcome!

Please join us for the time of your life! For a calendar of this year's events and an information sheet, call Marta at
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Limited Income	\$12.00

Rates are per household, per year. The membership renewal is due in February of each year.

If you begin SACWN at a different date, the membership is prorated.

Waiver: I am aware that certain risks or injuries could occur arising from my participation in SACWN, Inc. events and/or special interest groups. In consideration of the right to participate in such events, some of which may involve strenuous activity (i.e. hiking, golfing, skiing, cycling, etc.) I hereby assume all risks and will hold SACWN, Inc. and its members harmless from all liability which may arise in connection with these activities.

(Signature)

(Date)

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(Date)

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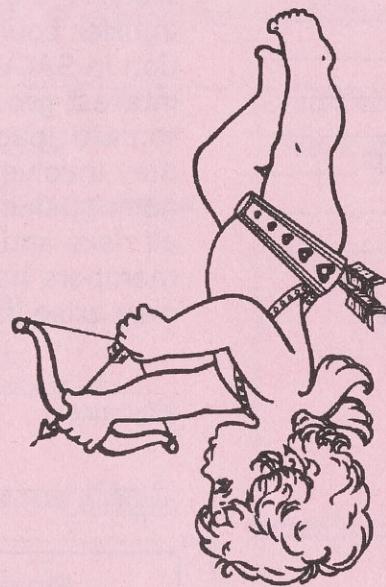
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Comments, Suggestions, Viewpoints

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